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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Notification of Possible Foreign Nuclear Tests

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 4 for approval by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Colonel Glenn Smith, now on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, has requested information, similar to that we give the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, in connection with his review for the Subcommittee of the effectiveness of the test ban safeguards. This information is given to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in line with the statutory injunction that any Government agency shall furnish any information requested by the Joint Committee with respect to the activities or responsibilities of that agency in the field of atomic energy.

3. The Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee has no such statutory backing, but during its hearings on the treaty made a motion requesting appropriate information from the executive branch. In response to this motion, [] wrote the Chairman of the Subcommittee a lengthy response providing the requested information, stating the reply was made after coordination with the Atomic Energy Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. This letter and its Top Secret companion discuss the test ban safeguards and their enforcement in great detail. You will recall, also, that you testified on some very sensitive aspects of enforcement. 25X1

4. Under the circumstances, I think if we do not give this information to Colonel Smith he could quite properly raise it with Senator Stennis, and it would be difficult to refuse it to the Chairman. Our proposal is to give, as we have done, briefings to Colonel Smith and the charts at the Secret level. We have told Colonel Smith and Mr. Kendall that more sensitive information may be made available but cannot be retained by them due to lack of adequate facilities.

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25X1 [] OSI, has made a recommendation, concurred in by
25X1 DDS&T and Dr. Reichardt, of the Atomic Energy Commission, that
[] be authorized to advise Colonel Smith or Mr. Kendall
of an alert after the JAEIC statement has been issued on a possible
foreign nuclear test. I recommend that you approve this.

s/ Lawrence R. Houston
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

The recommendation in
paragraph 4 is approved

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

Date

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